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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMARA,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

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SUBJECT: INDIA-REACTION TO DIEGO GARCIA

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THE FIRST INDIAN REACTION IN PUBLIC TO US PLANS TO EXPAND THE
NAVAL FACILITIES ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA--AS
EXPECTED--HAS BEEN NEGATIVE. FOREIGN MINISTER SHARAN SINGH TOLD
NEWSPAPERS THAT "WE ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH
BASES" AND THAT INDIA'S "EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE WORLD OPINION AGAINST
ANY NEW BASE INCLUDING DIEGO GARCIA WOULD CONTINUE."

PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, WHILE CAMPAIGNING IN UTTAR PRADESH,
ALLEGEDLY HAS ACCUSED THE US OF TRYING TO SET UP A "NUCLEAR BASE"

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WHICH "NATURALLY" CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO INDIA'S SECURITY AS
THE ACTION HAS OBVIOUS "AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS." THIS STATEMENT
PROBABLY IS A GOOD DEAL STRONGER THAN THE OFFICIAL LINE THAT
NEW DELHI WILL TAKE. MRS. GANDHI COULD HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED, AND
IN ANY CASE SHE IS CAMPAIGNING HARD FOR STATE ASSEMBLYMEN IN
UTTAR PRADESH. ON A FEW OCCASIONS IN THE PAST SHE HAS HAD PRO-
BLEMS BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY THAT
SHE DID NOT EXPECT THE WIRE SERVICES TO PICK UP. E-2 IMPDET.
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